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**The Analysis of Evaporites from the Area Around Boulby, North Yorkshire
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I would like to thank the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for the funding they provided that allowed me to attend Goldschmidt in Tennessee in June this year. I greatly appreciate the opportunity they gave me to present my work to a large audience and giving me a perfect networking opportunity with other researchers around the world.

The first thing you noticed about Knoxville during the week the conference was held was the heat, this week was just one of many as Knoxville and the rest of the East Coast of America found themselves in the grip of a heat wave. It did however make for some beautiful evenings out during the conference having dinners outside and networking without having to worry about the weather unlike in the UK.

The conference began on the Sunday with an evening reception which was a great opportunity to meet new people as well as to see old friends. I was fortunate that I presented on Monday morning, which meant I could enjoy the entire conference without worrying about how my talk was going to go. There were so many talks and presenters and organised dinners it meant there was never an empty moment. I also was able to visit the Oak Ridge facility which was a fascinating tour of their capabilities and allowed me to discuss my research in more depth with analytical scientists from the facility.

This report is too short to say how great the whole experience was but I would like to thank the Mineralogical Society again for all their financial support.